

AGENDA



Thursday, January 15, 2009

Austin Energy
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Item No. 3

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an agreement with The University of Texas, Austin, Texas, for a 4.353 acre Access Easement across the undeveloped portion of its property located on Montopolis Drive in Austin, Texas, in an amount not to exceed \$225,247.32.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding is available in the Fiscal Year 2008-2009 Capital Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: A fiscal note is attached.

For More Information: Judy Fowler, Public Involvement and Real Estate, 322-6107.

Boards and Commission Action: The Electric Utility Commission recommended approval of the related item for the construction of the access road and was briefed on the proposed purchase of this easement. Related to Item #15.

Prior Council Action: February 1, 2007 – Approved purchase of Tokyo Electron property.

In February 2007, City Council approved the purchase of a building and parking lot on the Tokyo Electron campus on Montopolis Drive for Austin Energy's new System Control Center or "SCC."

A portion of the campus is occupied by Tokyo Electron. So that Austin Energy could fence the entire SCC site for security reasons, Tokyo Electron gave up its use of an access road on AE's property in consideration for AE providing Tokyo Electron an alternative access route to their retained facilities. The only available alternative route is on the adjacent University of Texas property. UT is willing to grant a 4.353 acre Access Easement across its property for Tokyo Electron's use. The Contract and Land Management Department is bringing forward a related item for the construction contract to resurface and extend the access road.

The portion of the Access Easement property between AE's road and fence line will provide an additional security buffer of approximately 200 feet for the SCC site.

AE received an appraisal in the amount of \$225,247.32 for the acquisition of the Access Easement from UT.